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SUBJ: MFA RENEWAL; PRESS COVERAGE

- 1. SEVERAL EUROPEAN NEWSPAPERS MONDAY CARRIED STORIES THAT US/EC/JAPAN HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON A COMMON TEXT ON MFA RENEWAL WHICH THEY ARE TRYING TO SELL TO THE LDC'S, FRANCE, THE NETHERLANDS AND UK. LE MONDE ARTICLE WAS ENTITLED "THE US AND JAPAN SUPPORT RESTRICTIVE POSITIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY." WE UNDERSTAND COMMISSION SPOKESMAN IN BRUSSELS TODAY ALSO REFERRED TO AGREED TEXT.
- 2. WHEN ASKED, USIS PRESS SPOKESMAN WILL STATE THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO AGREEMENT YET ON TERMS FOR RENEWAL, THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BILATERAL AND PLURILATERAL DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE, THAT TEXT REFERRED TO WAS AN INFORMAL WORKING DOCUMENT NOT APPROVED BY GOVERNMENTS AND WITHOUT OFFICIAL STATUS WHICH WAS MEANT TO SERVE AS A POSSIBLE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION, AND THAT TEXT HAS EVOLVED GREATLY OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS FROM ITS ORIGINAL VERSION AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED AT THIS STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. U.S.

HAS NOT AT ANY TIME AGREED TO "CONDITIONAL RENEWAL" OF MFA, AS ALLEGED IN PRESS ARTICLES. WE DO NOT PLAN TO ENGAGE IN PUBLIC SLANGING MATCH, BUT DO WISH TO ALERT ADDRESSEES TO THE FACTS.VANDEN HEUVEL

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